

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed August 10, 2004. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 9-16 stand rejected. Applicant has amended Claim 9 and has cancelled Claim 10. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added with this amendment. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Consideration of Information Disclosure Statement

As described in a "Request for Consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement Timely Filed" that was filed by Applicant on August 17, 2004, the Examiner has not yet indicated that the references included in the Information Disclosure Statement filed by Applicant on March 29, 2004 have been considered. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider these references and indicate such consideration on the PTO-1449 form that accompanied this Information Disclosure Statement (and that was also included with the recently-filed Request for Consideration).

Section 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 9 and 12-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,606,178 issued to Rhee, et al. ("*Rhee*") in view of JP 2000059300 issued to Nishizawa Hideki ("*Nishizawa*"). The Examiner indicates that Claims 10 and 11 are objected to as being dependent from rejected Claim 9, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants have amend Claim 9 to include all of the limitations of Claim 10 (which has been cancelled). Therefore, Claim 9, as well as Claims 11-16 which depend from Claim 9, should now be in condition for allowance. Favorable action is thus respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION


Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Brian W. Oaks, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6986.

Applicants believe no fees are due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts, L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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